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State Senator Wright Sentenced in Voter Fraud, Perjury Case

State Sen. Rod Wright was sentenced today to 90 days in county jail and barred from holding elective office for life after he was convicted earlier this year of living outside his Inglewood district, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Los Angeles County Superior Court Judge Kathleen Kennedy also ordered Wright, 62, to complete 1,500 hours of community service and placed him on felony probation for three years.

Wright was ordered to surrender to court on Oct. 31 to begin his jail time.

Deputy District Attorneys Bjorn Dodd and Michele Gilmer with the Public Integrity Division prosecuted the case.

Wright, who was elected to the state senate on Nov. 4, 2008, was convicted of misleading voters in the 25th Senate district because his true residence was his Baldwin Hills home, which is in the 26th district.

A jury in January found Wright guilty of all eight felony counts -- two counts of perjury, one count of filing a false declaration of candidacy and five counts of fraudulent voting in elections in 2008 and 2009.

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Los Angeles County District Attorney Jackie Lacey leads the largest local prosecutorial office in the nation. Her staff of nearly 1,000 attorneys, 300 investigators and 800 support staff members is dedicated to seeking justice for victims of crime and enhancing public safety. Last year, the [Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office](http://da.lacounty.gov) prosecuted more than 73,000 felony defendants and 113,000 misdemeanor defendants.